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Wednesday 5th March 2014

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At 10.30 am precisely

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1855 Sydney Mint Sovereign

1860 Sydney Mint Sovereign

1886M Shield Back Sovereign

1920S Sovereign

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FOREWORD

Welcome to Auction 25, which is named The George Collection to commemorate the birth of the Royal baby. It is without doubt a great collection of choice and rare Australian sovereigns, containing some very significant pieces such as the 1920 issue with the Sydney mintmark, of which only 4 are recorded. We have put this sovereign at the beginning of the sale so that unsuccessful bidders for this piece will have the opportunity to try for other important coins later in the sale. The 1855 sovereign, for example, is a superb coin and particularly interesting as it was put away on the day it was struck. It is the only slabbed coin in the collection and is by far the finest example certified by a grading company. The collection also includes the very rare Adelaide Type One pound, which is in a very high grade and seldom seen for sale in the UK, and an 1886M Shield Back which is reputedly the finest known. The general quality of most of the rarer pieces is far superior to any collection sold at auction in recent years – whereas many collectors are happy to put together a run of sovereigns in any condition, the owner of the George Collection has gone the extra mile to assemble a superb group of coins.

If you are unable to attend the sale, you can bid free of charge through www.the-saleroom.com and the catalogue can be viewed online at www.sixbid.com

Credit for putting the catalogue together goes to Lisa Norfolk, Joel Elias and Ruth Müller, and special thanks are due to Bruce Lorich for his additional cataloguing.

We wish you good luck in your bidding – this is a rare opportunity to acquire some wonderful coins.

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The George Collection



- 1 *G* **George V**, sovereign, 1912S, bare head l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.4003; McD.240), *mint state* £200-250



- 2 *G* **George V**, sovereign, 1915P, bare head l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, P above date (S.4001; McD.251), *mint state* £200-250



- 3 *G* **George V**, sovereign, 1918P, bare head l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, P above date (S.4001; McD.260), *mint state* £200-250



- 4 *G* **George V**, sovereign, 1919P, bare head l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, P above date (S.4001; McD.263), *mint state* £200-250



A 1920 Sydney Mint Sovereign



- 5 **G George V**, sovereign, 1920S, bare head l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S raised on ground-line above date, horse with long tail (S.4003; McD.264; KM.29; Fr.38; Marsh 280), *some light surface marks, virtually as struck, mint mark bold, with famous die combination featuring a pickled or rusted reverse die* £375,000-400,000

*ex Jacob Garrard, April 1920. Thence by descent to daughter / granddaughter
ex Noble Numismatics Sydney, Australia, Sale 50, 20-22 March 1996, lot 1470
Private treaty into 'George' collection by Monetarium Australia Pty Ltd.

This is a legendary offering which includes recently discovered information that may help to solve the 'enigma' partially explained in the Bentley sale catalogue's description of that collection's 1920 Sydney sovereign. In that sale, the coin was called the rarest of all issues of the sovereign series, rarer even than the famed 1819 sovereign struck at London, of which some 10-12 examples exist compared to perhaps 4-5 (one impounded in the Royal Australian Mint Collection) of the 1920 Sydney issue. Of the 4 pieces for which sales have been traced, apparently the finest known, called a Specimen in the Quartermaster Collection sale of 2009, seems to have been struck at a later date (1926) from a reverse die that was cleared of the residue which protected it during the long sea voyage from England to Australia. This residue accounts for the 'pickled' or slightly rough appearance of the reverse, a characteristic of all other known examples. The normal satiny gold texture exists on the obverse of all. The Bentley sale cataloguer concluded by suggesting that this coin's great rarity did not arise from any melting of the reported mintage at Sydney for the year (which he believed represented coins dated 1919 but struck in January and June 1920 at Sydney) but instead that no pieces were struck during 1920 bearing the date and S mint mark except because of some 'special event' in the year which was unknown at the time of the Bentley sale.



The provenance of the presently offered coin dates precisely to April 1920 and may well explain that 'special event' and the coin's great rarity. Researcher Barrie Winsor of Australia has identified the family who placed a special order for sovereigns dated 1920 at the Sydney Mint in 1920. A prominent New South Wales politician and trade unionist, Mr Jacob Garrard (Note 1) ordered and purchased the sovereigns from the Mint in order to present them to his children when he and his wife, Rebecca, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on 15 April 1920. Barrie Winsor has interviewed some of the Garrard descendants to confirm the facts and has also seen photographs of the family taken during the anniversary meetings (see below). Five sons and two daughters were the subjects of the gifts; the exact number of sovereigns minted for the Garrards remains unknown, nor is it known if each of the sons and daughters received a coin (both daughters but only two sons survived Jacob Garrard when he passed away on 5 November 1931). The mintage presumably could not have been more than 7 sovereigns, or 9 if one each was retained by the parents.



Garrard family at Golden Wedding celebrations 15 Apr 1920
Second row centre Jacob & Rebecca

Aside from the wretched condition of the reverse dies received after the long sea voyage, which apparently caused Mint officials to decide against their use, why were fresh dies not ordered? Why is the coin so rare? The answer appears to be that the post-WWI metals market fluctuations rendered coinage of gold impractical. The report of the Royal Mint issued on 31 December 1920 notes that the quoted value of gold per troy ounce as of 5 February 1920 was 127s 4d per ounce (Note 2). This meant that the cost of minting a single gold sovereign with a face value of 20 shillings was over 30 shillings. The Royal Mint suspended minting sovereigns in 1917 until 1925 and the Canadian Mint ceased production of sovereigns in 1919.

Clearly the Sydney Mint decided to postpone gold coinage. In 1920, transmission of any such decision was incomplete when Jacob Garrard placed his special order, thereby unknowingly creating the greatest gold rarity of the British Empire.

There are only 3 other known examples of the 1920S sovereign sold on the open market:

The first, sold by Spink and Son (Australia) Pty Ltd, 2 November 1978, lot 631, nearly extremely fine, ex A H F Baldwin collection, realised AU\$3,600 hammer price

then sold by Spink and Son, London, 15 March 1992, lot 438, good extremely fine, realised £104,000 hammer price

The second, a specimen or proof striking sold in the Quartermaster collection, Monetarium (Australia) Pty Ltd, 4 June 2009, lot 196, FDC, realised AU\$800,000 hammer price. This coin has been struck from a good reverse die as opposed to the other four which all appear to be from a rusty reverse die.

The third, ex Jaggards, Sydney Australia, retail list, February 1979

then sold by Kurt Jaggard Monetary Auctions, Australia, 11 April 2006, lot 404, realised AU\$582,500, purchased by Winsor and Sons, Jamberoo, NSW Australia

then sold in the Bentley Collection, Baldwins, 27 September 2012, lot 736, practically as struck, realised £650,000 hammer price.

Note 1

See biography - Jacob Garrard (1846-1931) - Australian Dictionary of Biography.
<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/garrard-jacob-3595>.

Note 2

See Royal Mint Report 31 Dec 1920. Appendix No IX. - A. Messrs. Mocatta and Goldsmid's Circular on the movement of Gold and Silver during 1920. page 72.



6 G **George V**, sovereign, 1920M, bare head l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date (S.3999; McD.265), *about uncirculated* £4000-5000



- 7 **G George V**, sovereign, 1921S, bare head l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.4003; McD.267), *tiny edge nick at 7 o'clock, otherwise practically mint state* £1250-1750



- 8 **G George V**, sovereign, 1921M, bare head l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date (S.3999; McD.268), *a couple of scratches on head, otherwise extremely fine* £10,000-12,500



- 9 *G* **George V**, sovereign, 1922S, bare head l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.4003; McD.270), *practically mint state* £12,500-15,000



- 10 *G* **George V**, sovereign, 1922M, bare head l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date (S.3999; McD.271), *practically mint state* £8500-9500



- 11 G **George V**, sovereign, 1923S, bare head l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.4003; McD.273), *extremely fine* £7500-9000



- 12 G **George V**, sovereign, 1924S, bare head l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.4003; McD.276), *small edge knock at 7 o'clock, lightly cleaned, otherwise about extremely fine* £1000-1200



- 13 G **George V**, sovereign, 1926S, bare head l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.4003; McD.282), *practically mint state* £15,000-17,500



- 14 G **George V**, sovereign, 1926P, bare head l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, P above date (S.4001; McD.284), *about mint state* £1000-1500



- 15 G **George V**, sovereign, 1927P, bare head l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, P above date (S.4001; McD.286), *mint state* £300-350



- 16 G **George V**, sovereign, 1928M, bare head l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date (S.3999; McD.287), *about mint state* £2000-2500



- 17 G **George V**, sovereign, 1929M, small bare head l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date (S.4000; McD.289), *practically uncirculated* £1750-2250



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- 18 G **George V**, sovereign, 1929P, small bare head l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, P above date (S.4002; McD.290), *mint state* £200-250
- 19 G **George V**, sovereign, 1930P, small bare head l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, P above date (S.4002; McD.292), *mint state* £200-250
- 20 G **Edward VII**, sovereign, 1902S, bare head r., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.3973; McD.210), *about mint state* £200-250



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- 21 G **Edward VII**, sovereign, 1902P, bare head r., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, P above date (S.3972; McD.212), *practically uncirculated* £200-250
- 22 G **Edward VII**, sovereign, 1903S, bare head r., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.3973; McD.213), *practically uncirculated* £200-250
- 23 G **Edward VII**, sovereign, 1903M, bare head r., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date (S.3971; McD.214), *about uncirculated* £200-250



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- 24 G **Edward VII**, sovereign, 1904S, bare head r., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.3973; McD.216), *about uncirculated* £200-250
- 25 G **Edward VII**, sovereign, 1904M, bare head r., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date (S.3971; McD.217), *mint state* £200-250
- 26 G **Edward VII**, sovereign, 1906S, bare head r., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.3973; McD.222), *about uncirculated* £200-250



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- 27 G **Edward VII**, sovereign, 1906P, bare head r., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, P above date (S.3972; McD.224), *practically mint state* £200-250
- 28 G **Edward VII**, sovereign, 1907S, bare head r., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.3973; McD.225), *about mint state* £200-250



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- 29 G **Edward VII**, sovereign, 1908S, bare head r., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.3973; McD.228), *about mint state* £200-250
- 30 G **Edward VII**, sovereign, 1908M, bare head r., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date (S.3971; McD.229), *about uncirculated* £200-250



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- 31 G **Edward VII**, sovereign, 1909S, bare head r., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.3973; McD.231), *practically mint state* £200-250
- 32 G **Edward VII**, sovereign, 1909M, bare head r., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date (S.3971; McD.232), *about uncirculated* £200-250



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- 33 G **Edward VII**, sovereign, 1910S, bare head r., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.3973; McD.234), *practically uncirculated* £200-250
- 34 G **Edward VII**, sovereign, 1910P, bare head r., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, P above date (S.3972; McD.236), *about uncirculated* £200-250



An Important Type One Adelaide Gold Pound



- 35 **G Australia**, Victoria, Adelaide, pound, type one, fine edge milling, crowned date within beaded circle, dentillated pattern within the beading, legend surrounds the design declaring the issuer as the GOVERNMENT ASSAY OFFICE with a floral stop on each side of ADELAIDE at centre bottom, *rev.* VALUE ONE POUND within a surrounding pattern similar to that of the obverse, weight and purity declaration occupying the surrounding legend space, die cracked at top of legend (KM.1; Fr.1; McD. Type I), *extremely fine for this issue, with frosty lustre* £75,000-80,000

The first gold rush in Australia took place near the town of Adelaide, with the usual effects of a discovery of great mineral wealth: at first the town was nearly abandoned by the rush to the gold fields, followed by an influx of unrefined ore which could not be easily exchanged for either official money or goods. Coinage bearing the monarch's effigy and authority could not be quickly implemented, nor would royal sanction be a certainty, so the local authorities — the banking manager and the colonial treasurer — had little choice but to authorize a substitute money, technically a token struck in gold. If pure and good, it would be widely accepted alongside British coinage circulating in Australia. An act of coinage passed by the South Australian Legislative Council caused the creation of a Government Assay Office almost immediately upon passage of the Bullion Act, but its gold ingots were not practical nor assured of exact value. Towards the end of the year 1852, in November, the first 'pounds' were struck from fresh dies. Unfortunately, the reverse die failed almost immediately, cracking finely at the top of the legend from the inner beading to the rim to left of DWT. A new die of slight variation was quickly prepared and was used to strike almost all Adelaide gold pounds known today. By February of 1853, a scant four months after the experiment of minting at Adelaide had begun, the last of the Adelaide pounds had been struck — some 25,000 in all, almost the entire mintage being of the second dies combination. Most have perished, as is true of almost all kinds of 'territorial' gold coinages: first subjected to the abuses of ordinary commerce, damaged or fashioned into jewellery, and finally turned in for their gold content (for they were in fact finer than the standard sovereign) to be made into new coins. These first, tentative attempts at desperately needed money in Southern Australia have become much coveted by collectors worldwide. The Type One issue, of which it is believed that no more than 50 were minted, is both a great rarity and *the very first gold coin struck in Australia*. The appearance at auction of any specimen is a landmark event, but here we see one of the finest known examples of this great Australian rarity.



- 36 *g* **Australia**, Victoria, Adelaide pound, type two, 1852, date below crown within border, *rev.* value within dentillated border (KM.2; Fr.3; McD. Type II), *small light scratch in centre of reverse below value, otherwise practically mint state* £25,000-30,000



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- 38 *G* **Australia**, Victoria, sovereign, 1856, Sydney mint, young head l., with fillet in hair, *rev.* AUSTRALIA within wreath, crown above (KM.2; Fr.9; McD.103), *brushed on obverse, otherwise extremely fine*
£3750-4250



- 39 *G* **Australia**, Victoria, sovereign, 1857, Sydney mint, laur. head l., *rev.* AUSTRALIA within wreath, crown above (KM.4; Fr.10; McD.104), *about extremely fine*
£3500-4000



- 40 G **Australia**, Victoria, sovereign, 1858, Sydney mint, laur. head l., *rev.* AUSTRALIA within wreath, crown above (KM.4; Fr.10; McD.105), *extremely fine* £3000-3500



- 41 G **Australia**, Victoria, sovereign, 1859, Sydney mint, laur. head l., *rev.* AUSTRALIA within wreath, crown above (KM.4; Fr.10; McD.106), *a couple of tiny edge nicks, a few light bag marks, otherwise practically as struck* £6000-7000

*ex Quartermaster collection, no 31



- 42 *G* **Australia**, Victoria, sovereign, 1860, Sydney mint, laur. head l., *rev.* AUSTRALIA within wreath, crown above (KM.4; Fr.10; McD.107), *practically mint state* £15,000-20,000
**ex Quartermaster collection, no. 32*



- 43 *G* **Australia**, Victoria, sovereign, 1861, Sydney mint, laur. head l., *rev.* AUSTRALIA within wreath, crown above (KM.4; Fr.10; McD.108), *practically uncirculated* £2000-2500



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- 44 *G* **Australia**, Victoria, sovereign, 1862, Sydney mint, laur. head l., *rev.* AUSTRALIA within wreath, crown above (KM.4; Fr.10; McD.109), *good very fine* £450-550
- 45 *G* **Australia**, Victoria, sovereign, 1863, Sydney mint, laur. head l., *rev.* AUSTRALIA within wreath, crown above (KM.4; Fr.10; McD.110), *brushed, otherwise extremely fine* £800-1000
- 46 *G* **Australia**, Victoria, sovereign, 1864, Sydney mint, laur. head l., *rev.* AUSTRALIA within wreath, crown above (KM.4; Fr.10; McD.111), *practically uncirculated* £1250-1500



- 47 *G* **Australia**, Victoria, sovereign, 1865, Sydney mint, laur. head l., *rev.* AUSTRALIA within wreath, crown above (KM.4; Fr.10; McD.112), *about uncirculated* £2750-3250



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- 48 *G* **Australia**, Victoria, sovereign, 1866, Sydney mint, laur. head l., *rev.* AUSTRALIA within wreath, crown above (KM.4; Fr.10; McD.113), *uncirculated* £1500-2000
- 49 *G* **Australia**, Victoria, sovereign, 1867, Sydney mint, laur. head l., *rev.* AUSTRALIA within wreath, crown above (KM.4; Fr.10; McD.114), *about uncirculated* £1500-2000
- 50 *G* **Australia**, Victoria, sovereign, 1868, Sydney mint, laur. head l., *rev.* AUSTRALIA within wreath, crown above (KM.4; Fr.10; McD.115), *weakly struck, uncirculated* £1750-2250



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- 51 G **Australia**, Victoria, sovereign, 1870, Sydney mint, laur. head l., *rev.* AUSTRALIA within wreath, crown above (KM.4; Fr.10; McD.117), *weakly struck, uncirculated* £1500-2000
- 52 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1871S, WW raised, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, S below (S.3855; McD.118a), *practically uncirculated* £400-450



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- 53 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1871S, WW incuse, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, S below (S.3855; McD.118b), *about mint state* £700-800
- 54 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1872S, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, S below (S.3855; McD.119), *extremely fine* £300-350



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- 55 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1872M, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, M below (S.3854; McD.120), *small edge flaw at 11 o'clock on obverse, otherwise practically uncirculated* £850-950
- 56 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1872/1M, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, M below (S.3854; McD.120a), *good extremely fine* £1000-1250



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- 57 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1874M, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, M below (S.3854; McD.122), *uncirculated* £1000-1250
- 58 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1878S, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, S below (S.3855; McD.125), *about uncirculated* £400-450



- 59 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1879S, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, S below (S.3855; McD.126), *edge nick at 5 o'clock on obverse, otherwise practically uncirculated* £1500-2000



- 60 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1880S, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, S below (S.3855; McD.127), *uncirculated* £1000-1250
- 61 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1880M, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, M below, (S.3854; McD.128), *heavily brushed, otherwise about extremely fine/extremely fine* £1500-2000
- 62 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1881S, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, S below (S.3855; McD.129), *about uncirculated* £600-800



- 63 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1881M, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, M below (S.3854; McD.130), *spectacular mint state* £2500-3000

Probably the finest known.



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- 64 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1882S, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, S below (S.3855; McD.131), *mint state* £600-800
- 65 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1883S, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, S below (S.3855; McD.133), *uncirculated* £600-650



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- 66 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1883M, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, M below (S.3854; McD.134), *about extremely fine/ extremely fine, rare date* £700-800
- 67 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1884S, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, S below (S.3855; McD.135), *about uncirculated/ uncirculated* £350-450



- 68 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1884M, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, M below (S.3854; McD.136), *choice mint state* £1000-1250



- 69 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1885S, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, S below (S.3855; McD.137), *mint state* £800-1000



- 70 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1885M, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, M below (S.3854; McD.138), *about uncirculated* £350-450



- 71 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1886S, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, S below (S.3855; McD.139), *mint state* £1250-1500



- 72 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1886M, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, M below (S.3854; McD.140), *practically uncirculated* £15,000-20,000

The rarest shield back sovereign – only 25,000 struck, and believed to be the finest known.



- 73 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1887S, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, S below (S.3855; McD.141), *mint state* £800-1000
**ex Quartermaster collection, no 72*



- 74 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1887M, young head l., *rev.* crowned shield of arms within wreath, M below (S.3854; McD.142), *uncirculated* £4500-5500



- 75 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1871S, first young head l., S below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, large BP in exergue (S.3858; McD.143), *extremely fine* £450-550
- 76 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1871S, first young head l., S below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with long tail, small BP in exergue (S.3858; McD.143a), *about uncirculated* £500-600
- 77 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1872S, first young head l., S below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with long tail, small BP in exergue (S.3858A; McD.144), *about uncirculated* £500-600



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- 78 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1872M, first young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with long tail, small BP in exergue (S.3857; McD.145), *good extremely fine, very rare* £2500-3000
- 79 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1873S, first young head l., S below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with long tail, small BP in exergue (S.3858A; McD.146), *practically mint state* £650-750
- 80 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1873M, first young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with long tail, small BP in exergue (S.3857; McD.147), *about uncirculated* £600-700



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- 81 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1874S, first young head l., S below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with long tail, small BP in exergue (S.3858A; McD.148), *practically mint state* £1250-1500
- 82 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1875M, first young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with long tail, small BP in exergue (S.3857; McD.151a), *uncirculated* £1000-1250
- 83 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1876S, first young head l., S below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with long tail, small BP in exergue (S.3858A; McD.152), *uncirculated* £1000-1250



- 84 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1876M, first young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with long tail, small BP in exergue (S.3857; McD.153), *mint state* £1250-1500



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- 85 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1877M, first young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with long tail, small BP in exergue (S.3857; McD.154), *practically mint state* £1000-1250
- 86 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1878M, first young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with long tail, small BP in exergue (S.3857; McD.155), *mint state* £1250-1500



- 87 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1879S, first young head l., S below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with long tail, small BP in exergue (S.3858A; McD.156), *extremely fine/about uncirculated, very rare* £1250-1500



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- 88 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1879M, first young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with long tail, small BP in exergue (S.3857; McD.157), *practically uncirculated* £650-750
- 89 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1879M, first young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with medium tail, small BP in exergue (S.3857D; McD.157a), *mint state* £1250-1500
- 90 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1880S, second young head l., S below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with long tail, small BP in exergue (S.3858C; McD.158b), *practically uncirculated* £600-700



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- 91 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1880S, second young head l., S below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with long tail, no BP in exergue (S.3858F; McD.158c), *good very fine* £250-350
*ex Quartermaster collection, no 93
- 92 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1880M, first young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with long tail, small BP in exergue (S.3857; McD.159), *mint state* £1000-1250
- 93 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1880M, first young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with medium tail, small BP in exergue (S.3857D; McD.159a), *mint state* £1000-1250



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- 94 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1881S, first young head l., S below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, no BP in exergue (S.3858B; McD.160), *about uncirculated* £450-550
*ex Quartermaster collection, no 95
- 95 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1881S, second young head l., S below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, no BP in exergue (S.3858D; McD.160a), *about mint state* £1000-1250
- 96 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1881M, first young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with medium tail, small BP in exergue (S.3857D; McD.161b), *about mint state* £1000-1250



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- 97 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1881M, first young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, no BP in exergue (S.3857A; McD.161a), *about uncirculated* £700-800
- 98 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1881M, first young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with medium tail, small BP in exergue (S.3857D; McD.161b), *wiped, otherwise about uncirculated* £450-550
- 99 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1882S, second young head l., S below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, no BP in exergue (S.3858D; McD.162), *practically mint state* £1000-1250



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- 100 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1882M, first young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, no BP in exergue (S.3857A; McD.163), *good extremely fine* £450-550
*ex Quatermaster collection, no 100

- 101 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1882M, first young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, small BP in exergue (S.3857B; McD.163a), *good extremely fine* £300-350

- 102 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1882M, second young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, small BP in exergue (S.3857C; McD.163b), *superb mint state* £1250-1500



- 103 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1883S, second young head l., S below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, small BP in exergue (S.3858E; McD.164), *mint state, scarce date* £1750-2500



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- 104 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1883M, first young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, no BP in exergue (S.3857A; McD.165), *extremely fine/ about uncirculated* £450-550
*ex Quatermaster collection, no 106

- 105 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1883M, second young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, small BP in exergue (S.3857C; McD.165b), *mint state* £1000-1250

- 106 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1884S, second young head l., S below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, small BP in exergue (S.3858E; McD.166), *mint state* £1250-1500



- 107 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1884M, first young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, small BP in exergue (S.3857B; McD.167a), *mint state* £1000-1250



- 108 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1885S, second young head l., S below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, small BP in exergue (S.3858E; McD.168), *practically mint state* £800-1000
- 109 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1885M, first young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, no BP in exergue (S.3857A; McD.169), *good very fine* £300-400
*ex Quartermaster collection, no 113
- 110 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1885M, first young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, small BP in exergue (S.3857B; McD.169a), *extremely fine* £300-400
*ex Quartermaster collection, no 114



- 111 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1885M, second young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, small BP in exergue (S.3857C; McD.169c), *about mint state* £1000-1250
- 112 *G* **Victoria**, sovereign, 1885M, second young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, small B no P in exergue (S.3857C; McD.169c), *mint state* £1000-1250



- 113 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1886M, second young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, small BP in exergue (S.3857C; McD.171), *superb mint state* £1250-1500



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- 114 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1887S, second young head l., S below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, small BP in exergue (S.3858E; McD.172), *mint state* £1000-1250
- 115 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1887M, second young head l., M below, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, horse with short tail, small BP in exergue (S.3857C; McD.173), *practically mint state* £1000-1250
- 116 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1887S, 'Jubilee' bust l., first legend, small spread JEB, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.3868A; McD.174), *about uncirculated, rare* £1250-1500



- 117 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1887S, 'Jubilee' bust l., first legend, normal JEB, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.3868; McD.174a), *mint state* £5000-6000

The finest known, and not represented in the Bentley collection.



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- 118 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1887M, 'Jubilee' bust l., first legend, small spread JEB, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date (S.3867; McD.175), *practically mint state* £800-1000
- 119 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1887M, 'Jubilee' bust l., first legend, normal JEB, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date (S.3867A; McD.175a), *practically uncirculated* £400-450
- 120 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1887M, 'Jubilee' bust l., second legend, normal JEB, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date (S.3867B; McD.175b), *extremely fine* £300-350

- 121 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1888S, 'Jubilee' bust l., first legend, normal JEB, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.3868; McD.176a), *about uncirculated* £2000-2500
**ex Reserve Bank of Australia sale, Downies, 29-30 November 2005, lot 2065*
ex Quartermaster collection, no 130 (\$5275)

The only example known, and therefore not represented in the Bentley collection.

- 122 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1888S, 'Jubilee' bust l., first legend, normal JEB, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.3868; McD.176b), *extremely fine/about uncirculated* £350-450
- 123 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1888S, 'Jubilee' bust l., second legend, normal JEB, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.3868B; McD.176c), *uncirculated* £500-550



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- 124 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1888M, 'Jubilee' bust l., first legend, normal JEB, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date (S.3867A; McD.177a), *uncirculated* £300-350
**ex Quartermaster collection, no 136*
- 125 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1889S, 'Jubilee' bust l., second legend, normal JEB, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.3868B; McD.178a), *about uncirculated* £450-550
- 126 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1889M, 'Jubilee' bust l., first legend, normal JEB, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date (S.3867A; McD.179), *extremely fine* £300-350



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- 127 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1889M, 'Jubilee' bust l., second legend, normal JEB, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date (S.3867B; McD.179a), *about mint state* £400-450
*ex Quartermaster collection, no 137

- 128 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1890S, 'Jubilee' bust l., first legend, normal JEB, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.3868; McD.180), *practically mint state, very rare* £1500-2000
*ex Quartermaster collection, no 139

- 129 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1890M, 'Jubilee' bust l., second legend, normal JEB, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date (S.3867B; McD.181), *practically uncirculated* £350-400



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- 130 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1891S, 'Jubilee' bust l., second legend, normal JEB, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date, horse with longer tail (S.3868C; McD.182), *mint state* £550-650

- 131 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1891M, 'Jubilee' bust l., second legend, normal JEB, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date, horse with short tail (S.3867B; McD.183), *about uncirculated, the finest known* £500-600
*ex Reserve Bank of Australia sale, Downies, 29-30 November 2005, lot 2133
ex Quartermaster collection, no 144 (\$2954)

- 132 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1892S, 'Jubilee' bust l., second legend, normal JEB, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date, horse with longer tail (S.3868C; McD.184), *practically uncirculated* £350-450



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- 133 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1893M, 'Jubilee' bust l., second legend, normal JEB, *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date, horse with longer tail (S.3867C; McD.188), *about mint state* £400-450

- 134 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1894M, veiled bust l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date (S.3875; McD.192), *mint state* £350-400

- 135 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1897M, veiled bust l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date (S.3875; McD.198), *mint state* £350-400



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136 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1898M, veiled bust l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, M above date (S.3875; McD.200), *mint state* £350-400

137 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1899S, veiled bust l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.3877; McD.201), *uncirculated* £300-350



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138 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1899P, veiled bust l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, P above date (S.3876; McD.203), *about uncirculated, rare* £450-500

139 G **Victoria**, sovereign, 1901S, veiled bust l., *rev.* St. George and the dragon, S above date (S.3877; McD.207), *mint state* £300-350

End of Sale

St James's Auctions

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Prices realised

1: 260 GBP	29: 380 GBP	57: 720 GBP	85: 600 GBP	113: 800 GBP
2: 290 GBP	30: 300 GBP	58: 380 GBP	86: 680 GBP	114: 650 GBP
3: 280 GBP	31: 340 GBP	59: --	87: 920 GBP	115: --
4: 280 GBP	32: 280 GBP	60: 660 GBP	88: 520 GBP	116: 760 GBP
5: 437'500 GBP	33: 260 GBP	61: 2'100 GBP	89: 740 GBP	117: 3'600 GBP
6: 4'200 GBP	34: 320 GBP	62: 360 GBP	90: 580 GBP	118: --
7: 1'200 GBP	35: 65'000 GBP	63: 2'400 GBP	91: 300 GBP	119: 400 GBP
8: 8'200 GBP	36: 19'000 GBP	64: 620 GBP	92: 650 GBP	120: 220 GBP
9: 16'500 GBP	37: --	65: 600 GBP	93: 700 GBP	121: 2'200 GBP
10: 8'600 GBP	38: 3'600 GBP	66: 650 GBP	94: 620 GBP	122: 440 GBP
11: 10'200 GBP	39: --	67: 460 GBP	95: --	123: 400 GBP
12: 1'100 GBP	40: --	68: 750 GBP	96: 600 GBP	124: 780 GBP
13: 13'000 GBP	41: --	69: 700 GBP	97: 420 GBP	125: 320 GBP
14: 1'400 GBP	42: 12'000 GBP	70: 500 GBP	98: 400 GBP	126: 460 GBP
15: 380 GBP	43: --	71: 1'400 GBP	99: 600 GBP	127: 520 GBP
16: 2'750 GBP	44: 300 GBP	72: 14'500 GBP	100: 500 GBP	128: 900 GBP
17: 1'500 GBP	45: --	73: 1'350 GBP	101: 200 GBP	129: 240 GBP
18: 340 GBP	46: --	74: 4'300 GBP	102: 1'400 GBP	130: 500 GBP
19: 320 GBP	47: --	75: 560 GBP	103: --	131: 680 GBP
20: 440 GBP	48: 1'200 GBP	76: 720 GBP	104: 520 GBP	132: 260 GBP
21: 340 GBP	49: 1'000 GBP	77: 460 GBP	105: 700 GBP	133: 540 GBP
22: 260 GBP	50: --	78: 1'500 GBP	106: 700 GBP	134: 400 GBP
23: 340 GBP	51: 900 GBP	79: 620 GBP	107: 650 GBP	135: 440 GBP
24: 320 GBP	52: 340 GBP	80: 400 GBP	108: 600 GBP	136: 400 GBP
25: 440 GBP	53: 850 GBP	81: --	109: 360 GBP	137: 400 GBP
26: 440 GBP	54: 560 GBP	82: 620 GBP	110: 300 GBP	138: 680 GBP
27: 420 GBP	55: 480 GBP	83: 660 GBP	111: 650 GBP	139: 440 GBP
28: 340 GBP	56: 1'600 GBP	84: 780 GBP	112: 900 GBP	